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Township, city agree to settlement talks

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Members of the Plymouth City Commission recently approved a Tolling Agreement, a legal document that will enable negotiation of the dispute with Plymouth Township about fire department legacy costs.

> *"The agreement allows both parties to waive a right to claim that litigation should be dismissed due to the expiration of a statute of limitations..."*

The agreement, approved unanimously, was reviewed by city attorney Robert Marzano, and subsequently presented for a commission vote. The agreement provides for a settlement of the issues without litigation or any admission of fault, liability or wrongdoing.

City and township officials who have been embroiled in a derisive dispute about the fire department retiree benefits said they plan to move forward in an earnest attempt to continue negotiations and postpone a pending lawsuit filed by the prior township administration. The Tolling Agreement follows years of discord after the dissolution of a 17-year joint fire services agreement between the two municipalities that ended in 2010. Prior to the November general election, township attorneys filed the five-count lawsuit alleging the city refused to pay its obligation to the township for post-termination health care costs, medical benefits and retirement related costs for "over two dozen employees" who performed services under the subject fire department agreement.

The lawsuit named the City of Plymouth as defendants and alleges the city breached a 1994 Intergovernmental Fire Services Agreement (IGA)--later modified in 1999-- and the breach has incurred damages in excess of $25,000. The township further claimed the city had a contractual obligation and violated the State Constitution as it relates to the pension and retirement system and retained monies wrongfully paid by the township toward the city portion of the shared costs.

The IGA was the initial contract between the city and the township that regulated the joint fire operation, known as the Plymouth Community Fire Department, from 1995 to 2010 when the city elected to partner with Northville City Fire Department, an all volunteer-on-call department.

Newly-elected Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise authorized township attorney Kevin Bennett to create the Tolling Agreement after securing approval from the

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Demolition at DeHoCo under way

Demolition of the former Detroit House of Corrections on Five Mile Road was set to begin on Monday, according to Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

Heise, while a state representative, sponsored the legislation to provide funding from the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority to pay for the razing of the structures which local officials have publicly called "an eyesore."

Last May, Gov. Rick Snyder signed a plan to transfer $4 million to the fast track fund to begin preparation work at the 125-acre site which housed the Detroit House of Corrections from the early 1900s until mid 1980. The land was used as a rubbish dump from the 1920 until the 1950s and the buildings have been vacant since 2004.

"The demolition will run through September and completely remove all of the buildings and fencing and clear everything down to grade. This is much better than I anticipated. Obviously there are still environmental issues below the surface that exist," Heise said.

"It would have been almost impossible to market the land with the big ugly buildings standing in the way. There many entities interested in the site. We have been working with Northville Township all along the way on this and the Five Mile Corridor. This was a key factor," he added.

Arial view of former DeHoCo site. Photo by Lynn Gregg

Westland OK's $8.4 million senior living center

A new $8.4 million investment in Westland has been unanimously approved by members of the city council.

The council approved the final site plans for Ciena Skilled Nursing Facility, a senior living center, planned for 2209 Newburgh Road, the site of the former Feister RV building which has been demolished.

Ciena Skilled Nursing Center

The facility will sit on a 9-acre parcel of land and plans include a single-story, 76,000 square-foot building consisting of 32 semi-private rooms, 50 private rooms and six private bariatric rooms with short-term rehabilitation and skilled nursing. The building amenities include physical and occupational therapy areas, dining rooms, multi-purpose rooms, kitchen facilities, laundry services, an employee lounge, storage and an administration area.

"The investment is expected to total $8.4 million and create approximately 60 fill-time construction jobs over the anticipated one-year construction duration," commented Mayor William Wild. "Ciena will employ approximately 120 full and part-time employees once the facility is open."

The building will be constructed with a brick exterior with accents of stone and siding and have a shingled roof, according to plans. The plans include 149 parking spaces with another 41 spaces possible in an area at the northwest corner of the building.

The project is part of a $16 million Planned Unit Development (PUD) that will include commercial retail, restaurant and office space on the Ford Road side of the site which will be finalized later this year.

Canton plans 2nd Citizens Police Academy

Canton residents who want to learn more about how their police department works will have that opportunity during the upcoming Citizens Police Academy in the township.

Individuals who attend the academy will have the opportunity to learn the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Students' personal knowledge of law the role of law enforcement in the criminal justice system will be enhanced, as well as their understanding of thetraining and education required for police officers to effectively handle the challenges of police work.

"Academy participants will gain insight into the difficult challenges law enforcement personnel face on a daily basis through interesting and informative instruction," said Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier.

The overall mission of the Citizens Police Academy is to develop positive relationships between citizens and police officers, enhancing cooperation, understanding and general good will, he added.

"Because the Citizens Police Academy has been so well received, we've decided test pilot a mini-Citizens Fire Academy this year," said Meier. "Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy two additional weeks consisting of cross-over academy sessions with the fire department," Meier said.

This year, the Citizens Police Academy will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays for eight weeks beginning April 6 and continuing through May 25.

Class size is limited for this free program. Applicants are limited to Canton Township residents who are at least 21 years of age. Applicants must have no felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions in the past three years, Applicants will be subject to a background check.

Applications for the academy will accepted online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org, from Feb. 1-28 or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

More information is available by contacting Special Services Sgt. Ed Johnson at (734) 394-5411.

INKSTER - ROMULUS

Jones named as deputy caucus chairman

State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) said he is determined to find solutions to the problems facing the state and his district.

"During Gov. Snyder's six years in office, there have been many failures of leadership. The Flint water crisis, the deplorable conditions in Detroit Public Schools - both of which are direct results of bad decision-making by emergency managers - the dissolution of Inkster Public Schools and our deteriorating roads come to my mind. That being said, I am glad he has offered solutions to these problems, and as we begin a new legislative term, I share in his hope that Michigan has better days ahead. I am prepared to work with Gov. Snyder, along with officials in both parties and at all levels of government, to find solutions to our most critical problems and work toward a more prosperous future for everyone in our state," he commented following Snyder's State of the State address last week."

Jones has been selected to serve as Deputy House Democratic Caucus Chairperson under newly-elected Democratic Caucus Chairperson state Rep. Adam Zemke (D-Ann Arbor). Jones is beginning his first term in the state House of Representatives this month.

"I have been impressed and inspired by Rep. Jones long before he came to serve in the state House, so he seemed like an excellent choice to help me bring our caucus together over these next two years," said Zemke. "He will provide a fresh perspective to the caucus, and his passion for progressive issues should inspire the rest of us to keep up the good fight on behalf of Michigan's working families, seniors and young people."

> *It is such a tremendous honor to be elected to serve my community, and now to be chosen for a leadership role within my caucus.*

Jones is serving his first term representing Michigan's 11th House District. Before coming to the state House, Jones was a member of the Inkster City Council. He was also a member of the Inkster Task Force, the Inkster Chamber of Commerce, the Inkster Youth Coalition and other community organizations. He currently attends the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where he is studying political science and finance. There, he is a member of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, the Student Veteran Association and the Black Student Union.

"It is such a tremendous honor to be elected to serve my community, and now to be chosen for a leadership role within my caucus," said Jones. "I am grateful to Rep. Zemke for his confidence in my leadership ability, and I am ready to roll up my sleeves and begin working with him to keep the caucus moving forward these next two years."

Code officials aid charities

The Downriver Association of Code Officials (DRACO) showed their appreciation for the Romulus community by recently making two donations to local charities.

Inspectors from around the region meet monthly at the Romulus Athletic Center to receive educational credits required for their trade licensing through the State of Michigan.

To show their appreciation for the partnership with the City of Romulus and the Athletic Center, DRACO President and City of Romulus Building Inspector Jim Wegienka presented two $500 donations to local causes.

The first donation was presented to the Friends of the Romulus Senior Center to help the group with building a new salon at the center for important health and hygiene services to senior citizens of Romulus.

The second donation was presented to the Friends of the Romulus Animal Shelter who are continually providing needed supplies and upgrades to the newly-built animal shelter.

"We are happy to work with local groups to showcase the Romulus Athletic Center and all that it offers. We truly appreciate the generosity of DRACO to support our community," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

Downriver Association of Code Officials President Jim Wegienka, left, presents one of the donation checks to Romulus Senior Center Director Rose Swidan and Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

Legislators set Inkster meetings

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will be hosting Coffee Hour events in Inkster along with State Rep. Jewell Jones and State Sen. David Knezek. The meetings will take place the second Monday of every month, except for the months of July, August and December.

Coffee Hours in Inkster continue from noon until 1 p.m. at the Leanna Hicks Public Library, located at 2005 Inkster Road.

Citizens who have questions or concerns in the meantime are encouraged to contact any of the elected officials by mail, telephone, or email:

Rep. Jewell Jones
Mail: PO Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: (517) 373-0849
Email: TBA
Sen. David Knezek
Mail: PO Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: (855) 347-8005
Email: sendknezek@senate.michigan.gov

Police probe 'mystery' shooting

Michigan State Police have asked for aid from the public in investigating a shooting that took place Jan. 21 in Inkster.

According to police reports, troopers were dispatched to a Dunning Street home in Inkster at about 11:30 p.m. Jan. 21 after reports of shots being fired. When troopers arrived at the scene, they observed a male victim suffering from what appeared to be a gunshot wound in a residence on the 26000 block of Dunning. The man shut and locked the door so law enforcement officers could not enter. Troopers breached the door, according to police reports, as it was an emergency exception and the victim attempted to flee the home.

The man was apprehended and transported by ambulance to Garden City Hospital for treatment of non-fatal wounds.

Both the victim and his family were extremely hostile to the troopers and have been uncooperative providing no information regarding the incident, according to police reports.

Anyone with information is asked to call 855-MICH-TIP.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
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Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
05: Minutes of regular meeting on 1/3/17.
- Bid for Official City Newspaper to Associated Newspapers of MI: $4.50/column inch.
- Adopted Prep. Res. approving State of Michigan Annual Permit for work within MDOT Right-of-Way within the City of Westland.
06: Appr. settlement re. Mooradian vs. City.
07: Appr. req. for closed study session 2/6/17 at 6:30 p.m re. Wardell vs. City.
08: Appr. prop. Land Division Ford Newburgh PUD, PID #049-01-0011-301, -0012-301, -0013-303, -0013-002, -0014-304, -0014-305, #049-05-0981-001, -0982-001, -0983-001, -0984-001,
-00985-001, -0986-002, SW corner of Ford & Newburgh Rds. w/contingencies.
09: Appr. Final Site Plan for prop. Regency at Westland Senior Living Ctr., PID #049-01-0011-301, -0012-301, -0013-303, -0013-002, 0014-304, 0014-305, SW corner of Ford & Newburgh Rds. w/contingencies.
10: Appr. checklist: $873,082.47.
Mtg. adj. at 7:47 p.m.

James Godbout
Council President
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City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS
Notice of Public Hearing and Proposed Projects
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
FY 2017/2018

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Romulus is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and is scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, ***Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm*** for the purpose of receiving comments or suggestions regarding projects for the fiscal year 2017/2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an ESTIMATED $151,807.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, preserving deteriorating housing, improving recreational facilities and programs and assisting in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

Pending actual funding availability, the City proposes to carry out the following eligible activities with the respective estimated amounts.

OBJECTIVES:

A. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
B. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
C. Addressing Slums and Blight or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
D. Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

FY 2017/2018 Proposed Projects

ACTIVITY		Amount:	* Objectives Met:
Senior Services/Public Services - LMC - 05A		$ 22,771	A & B
Romulus Fire Station - LMA			
35255 Goddard Rd		**$113,855**	**C & D**
General Administration - 21A (10%)		$ 15,181	A
	Sub-Total	$151,181	
Housing Rehabilitation	**LMH –from Program Income**	**$ 5,000**	**B & C**
		$156,181	

The Public is invited to attend and comment during the **second** Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before February 10, 2017. The City of Romulus will provide reasonable accommodations for those individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services. For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7545.

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Arts complex continues development plans

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Plymouth Arts and Recreation (PARC) investors and administrators last week told area residents at a public forum that $2.3 million of the $3.3 million paid to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools to acquire the former Central Middle School property has now been paid and they're ready to begin aesthetic and mechanical improvements to the building.

According to PARC President Don Soenen, who presented the slideshow status report to an audience of more than 100 in the school auditorium, the 17-month-old operation is now self-sufficient and will be self-supporting once remaining debt obligations of $1 million are paid. Occupancy rates for the numerous venues operating in the building are near 80 percent, according to Soenen and the building is always busy with events serving the community.

> *PARC can become a value added asset leaving a lasting legacy for those who follow.*

Soenen said Plymouth residents Mark and Patty Malcolms' $800,000 contribution was one third of the $2.5 million slated to be financed. Malcolm, Soenen, other investors and a team of community residents saved the 100-year old school and surrounding property from residential development after the school was closed in 2015. The Malcolms' corporation, Malcolm Central LLC, provided sole financing for the PARC project.

The brief presentation laid out the vision for the future, including the creation of an Arts Exhibition Hall patterned after the Washington D.C. John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Malcolm said the goal was to maximize private funding in order to minimize taxpayer funding.

"PARC can become a value added asset leaving a lasting legacy for those who follow," he said.

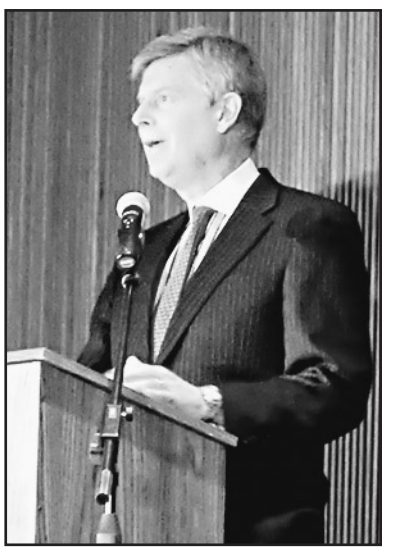
Included in the long-term plans, with the primary goal of preserving and renovating the entire facility, were aesthetic improvements like restoring the original facade of the building. That would include installing 1930s-style windows to preserve the historic look of the building, removing the dropped ceilings to expose the original 12-foot ceilings, restoring and refinishing the wood and terrazzo flooring and renovating the rest rooms.

Malcolm said the renovation would be sensitive to existing and future needs. He added that there is also a need to provide adequate parking and indicated a desire to locate the proposed exhibition hall, "away from residential property."

Soenen said there are immediate plans to conduct a community survey to determine what is needed and develop construction and operation cost estimates.

They said they plan to conduct a millage vote by mid-2018 and start construction on the exhibition hall theater in 2020.

Soenen and Malcolm are credited with saving the Penn Theater in 2005 when the facility was closed. Soenen's non-profit Penn Theatre Realty, LLC purchased the building and then leased the building to Friends of the Penn for $1 a year.



Mark Malcolm

"I couldn't imagine downtown Plymouth without the Penn Theater," Soenen said in closing.

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) takes the oath of office from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the state Capitol in Lansing. With her are her parents, Nick and Kathy Pagan, and her partner, Karl Lopata.

It's official
Pagan sworn in to state office

Wayne County-based members of the Michigan House Democratic Caucus were ceremonially sworn in to serve in the Michigan House of Representatives for the 99th Legislature in 2017-18. The Greater Wayne County Democratic representatives said that their priorities in office will mirror those of the working families, seniors and students of Southeast Michigan.

"The best investment we can make in our state's future is education. Unfortunately, a recent independent study solidified the fact that our state has significant funding gaps when it comes to our schools, and we have yet to return to the funding levels that were in place before 2011," said state Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton), who is in her second term representing the 21st House District. "Making Michigan a top-10 education state remains one of my top priorities, and this includes ensuring that our schools have adequate per-pupil funding for K-12, increasing access to quality early-learning programs and making college more affordable. I'm ready to continue the fight on behalf of Michigan's students, teachers, parents and schools."

Lawsuit

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township board of trustees.

The agreement states in part, "The Township and the City wish to continue voluntary negotiations to resolve the dispute regarding the payment by the City to the township of health care cost…as well as to explore other potential options of resolution, such as mediation and/or arbitration…"

> *Heise said the lawsuit was approved and filed during the lame duck period of former Supervisor Shannon Price.*

The agreement allows both parties to waive a right to claim that litigation should be dismissed due to the expiration of a statute of limitations and allows the city additional time to assess the alleged charges that it breached a 23-year-old joint city and township fire services agreement.

Heise said the lawsuit was approved and filed during the lame duck period of former Supervisor Shannon Price.

Former Township Treasurer Ron Edwards steadfastly insisted the city would have to reimburse the township between $3.7 to $4 million in order to settle the dispute.

Last June before the primary election, Price announced that the city agreed to pay a partial settlement to the township of $330,558.22 toward retiree health care costs incurred between 2012 to 2015.

Price claimed he and Mayor Dan Dwyer had been negotiating for months while Dwyer told *The Eagle* he felt the township was stalling until the election and had provided only vague and limited details to support their monetary claims.

Heise said he was pleased the city agreed to the Tolling Agreement.

"It's great…the agreement gives both parties until Dec. 31, 2017 to resolve any differences."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2017 for the following:

PURCHASE OF COPPER TUBING AND BRASS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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INVITATION TO BID

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SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUSES

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MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2017 for the following:

ENERGY SERVICES PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – January 17, 2017

A Regular Study Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull, Bob Belair, Joe Urbanek, Rob Creamer Staff Absent: Kristin Kolb **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Sneideman, supported by Anthony to amend the agenda by moving Topic 2: Residential Rental Inspection Program Review to the beginning of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC 1: Residential Rental Inspection Program Review (MSD)** Presenters: Rob Creamer, Building Official Joe Urbanek, Residential Rental Inspector. A PowerPoint presentation was presented to the Board with Creamer and Urbanek explaining the individual slides. This presentation outlined the background and findings of the first two-year cycle (2015-2016) of the Residential Rental Inspection Program. Staff laid out the recommendations for the next cycle which commenced this month as well as the proposed changes going forward. A complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours. **TOPIC 2: Automated Recycling Collection Services (MSD)** Presenters: Wendy Trumbull, Finance & Budget Director Bob Belair, Public Works Manager Patrick Dovigi, Green for Life USA Paul Denski, Green for Life USA The presentation included a brief overview of the transition from Rizzo Environmental Services to Green for Life (GFL) Environmental USA Inc. Staff outlined the background, objectives, benefits and costs to implement automated recycling collection services in 2017. A complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours. **TOPIC 3: Appointments to Board & Commissions (PC, BBA, ZBA, FBA, and CDBG)** Presenters: Tim Faas, Municipal Services Director Wendy Trumbull, finance & Budget Director This presentation outlined the regulatory requirements, current appointee rosters and resumes for each of the above noted commissions, boards and committees. In addition, staff explained the skills necessary to serve on these commissions, boards and committees. Each Director highlighted the experience and qualifications needed for individuals serving on their respective Board or Commission. Planning Commission – Municipal Services – Rob Creamer, Building Official Zoning Board of Appeals – Municipal Services – Rob Creamer, Building Official Building Board of Appeals – Municipal Services – Rob Creamer, Building Official Community Development Block Grant – Finance & Budget – Wendy Trumbull, Finance Director Fire Board of Appeals – Public Safety – Josh Meier, Director Public Safety **PUBLIC COMMENT:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, stated he feels the expected life of the landfill cannot be predicted. He would like information on how the Fence ordinance changed. The Clerk's Office will arrange to get this information for Mr. Miller. **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. _____ **Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. EC012617-1429 2.5 x 3.864

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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Belleville - Northville

Trailer theft ends in collision, chase, arrest

After a high-speed vehicle and short foot chase, Van Buren Township Police officers arrested a man caught stealing a utility trailer earlier this month.

According to a prepared release from Director of Public Safety Gregory Laurain, police were notified at about 8:11 a.m. Jan. 7 that a utility trailer was being stolen from a storage lot at Haggerty and Van Born roads.

Employees at the lot alerted police that a white male subject was in the process of stealing their work trailer and that they were chasing the suspect who had driven from the lot in a red pickup truck, pulling their trailer.

The employees followed the red pickup, according to Laurain, down Haggerty to Ecorse Road eastbound, at which time the suspect crashed the pickup truck with the trailer in tow into a guardrail. The collision disconnected the trailer from the truck at the entrance ramp onto southbound I-275.

The suspect continued to drive the pickup truck southbound on I-275 and then onto eastbound I-94 where a Van Buren police cruiser attempted to stop the driver. The truck the suspect was driving, according to the release from Laurain, was reported as stolen and the driver failed to stop for the officer but continued at a high rate of speed eastbound on I-94.

> *Officers observed the driver of the vehicle running into a nearby wooded area and gave pursuit.*

Near Merriman Road, the driver of the pickup left the eastbound lane of I-94, crossed the median and drove eastbound in the westbound lanes of the expressway in an apparent effort to elude police. The driver of the pickup then crossed all lanes of westbound traffic and jumped from the vehicle while it was still in motion, fleeing on foot from pursuing police.

The pickup truck continued to roll several hundred feet, Laurain said, before striking a cement freeway wall and coming to rest.

Officers observed the driver of the vehicle running into a nearby wooded area and gave pursuit. Police apprehended Timothy Komendera, 50, of Detroit, at the scene.

Komendera was arraigned in 34th District Court on two counts of larceny over $20,000 and one count of third degree fleeing and eluding.

Bond was set at $50,000 or 10 percent. He was scheduled to appear for a preliminary court hearing at 35th District Court yesterday.

Northville students honor memory of Dr. King

Students at Silver Springs Elementary School in Northville had the opportunity recently to learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy during a presentation by puppeteer Richard Paul focused on promoting respect and understanding for all people. The school-wide assembly was followed by grade-level and classroom activities reinforcing Dr. King's messages of peace, equality and service to others.

Northville Public Schools students from kindergarten through high school honored Dr. King's contributions to the world and the Civil Rights Movement as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday Jan. 16.

District-wide themes for student activities and initiatives this year were Dr. King quotes:

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

"Whatever your life's work is, do it well."

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.

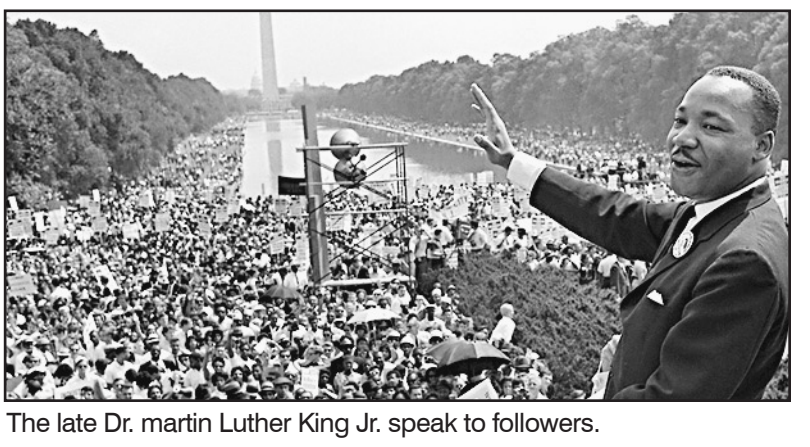
Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

In classrooms across the 10 Northville school buildings, students took time to reflect on Dr. King's messages of peaceful problem solving and strengthening communities through service with teacher-led activities that offer a range of experiences aligned with curriculum standards that included book talks; reading and listening to selected Dr. King speeches; writing reflections; making flip books; creating art projects; sharing poetry and music and classroom discussions about the impact of Dr. King's messages on the world.

Along with classroom lessons, several buildings also had school-wide and grade-level activities planned to reinforce Dr. King's vision for our country and our world

"These activities that our students and staff take part in focused on Dr. King's legacy, go hand-in-hand with Northville Public Schools' vision for all Northville students to become compassionate, quality contributors in our global society," said Northville Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Deanna Barash. "In light of recent events in our country and around the world, it is more important than ever that our community and our schools take the time to reflect on the principles Dr. King modeled during his life of unity, acceptance, nonviolence, peaceful protest, and service to others."

Northville students from across the district take part in a robust network of service learning and community services experiences throughout the school year, including the Kids Against Hunger and Kids Helping Kids initiatives each year, a spokesman noted. The food packing events bring together elementary school students from Northville and inner-city Detroit to work side-by-side to learn more about world hunger, and, more importantly, do something about it. The opportunity for students to take part in these experiences is made possible through the generous support of local business and community sponsors, together with grant funds, contributions by school families, and the fundraising efforts of students, she added.



The late Dr. martin Luther King Jr. speak to followers.

"The meaningful ways in which students, teachers and staff have given thought to the principles taught by Dr. King are important," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "It is our hope that these experiences will resonate with our students beyond this one day and beyond their classrooms, and serve as a reminder to all of us in the Northville community that the journey toward greater understanding and respect for one another is both ongoing and worthwhile."

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State police begin traffic patrols in Wayne

Motorists in Wayne best check their speedometers as there are now Michigan State Police cars patrolling throughout the city.

First Lt. Michael Shaw from the Michigan State Police appeared at the meeting of the Wayne City Council recently, along with Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag, to explain the services state troopers will be providing in Wayne.

Maciag told the council members that when he began with the Wayne department in 1998, the force comprised 44-45 officers while currently there are only 19, including himself. He noted that two of those officers were still in training at the academy, leaving a force of only 17.

He said that the financial strife in the community and the failure of a millage request to fund public safety had a serious negative effect on the police department.

"We are doing the best we can with what we have," he told the council. "My job as chief is to provide the best service we can."

That lack of manpower, he indicated is the reason for requesting help from the state police. The request had been discussed at a previous meeting and council members had agreed to request state help, which is expected to begin this week.

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"We are not a long-term solution. The solution is more Wayne officers. We are not here to take you over," Shaw told the council. He explained that Wayne officers will continue to answer all calls for service in the city and that the state troopers would concentrate on patrols and traffic enforcement, although the troopers would certainly help in the event of serious crime or enforcement of outstanding warrants.

"Let me make it clear, if you are dealing drugs, you are going to jail, if you are a sex offender who is not compliant, you are going to jail. If you have a warrant out for your arrest, we will find you and you will go to jail," Shaw said.

"While we will not answer calls for service, we will certainly help stop crime and lock offenders up. We just won't do the paperwork."

He added that the troopers will also perform motor carrier enforcement particularly on Michigan Avenue and that Wayne might see the state police helicopter in the area.

"This will be proactive policing," Shaw said. He added that the hours of troopers in the area would be data-driven and that troopers would be in Wayne when data determined that crime was the most prevalent.

Mayor Susan Rowe told Shaw she had a suggestion for the troopers and said that the traffic violations at what is known as the St. Mary curve on Michigan Avenue west "is a problem."

"The speed limit there drops and yet people do not slow down in the area of the church and school," she said.

"If drivers get a ticket there from a trooper, they can say it is from you Madam Mayor," Shaw responded with a chuckle.

"Once again, we are here to help, but we are not the solution," he concluded.

Westland Jaycees name new club officers

New officers of the Westland Jaycees have been elected for 2017.

Rebecca Markonni will serve as president of the group; Sarah Austin, chairman of the board; Rebeka Beresford, community vice president; Melody Montgomery, individual development vice president; April Hendryx, public relations liaison; Courtney Ford-Scott, secretary; James Hart, treasurer; Emily Dreyer, membership director and Andrew Beresford, management director.

The Westland Area Jaycees are also active in Wayne and Garden City and the goals for 2017 include creating partnerships with other local organizations in an effort to have a larger impact.

Three board members were recognized in 2016 at the Jaycees national meeting in Detroit. Austin and Markonni took first-place in the National Debate Competition. Christopher Crawford, 2016 treasurer, was also recognized as their teammate. He has gone on to join the board of directors of his dual chapter, the Livonia Jaycees, as well as holding a Michigan Jaycees Leadership position on the programming team, according to a prepared release from the organization.

Hendryx placed third in the National Speak-up Competition. She is also active this year at the state level with Michigan Jaycees Leadership on the programming team, focusing on competitions.

Upcoming events this year include a bowling fundraiser in February, Easter Egg-Stravaganza in April and Metal Mania in May. The Jaycees are also planning a Meet the Council event in Wayne in May. Last year, the group provided Christmas gifts to more than 100 children.

Membership is open to individual ages 21 to 40 who are interested in serving the community. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Wayne-Ford Civic League. For more information, visit www.westlandarea jaycees.org.

Chamber seeks board members

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce has two open seats on the board of directors.

According to chamber president Don Nicholson, this is an opportunity to have input into the chamber and the Wayne community.

The board members meet at noon the first Tuesday of each month for an hour.

Interested applicants should contact Nicholson at (734) 658-5296 or email Don@DonNicholson.net.

St. Mary open house set

St. Mary Catholic School, which offers preschool through 8th grade education, will host an open house from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 at 34516 W. Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

St. Mary offers highly qualified teachers and an exceptional academic program to Catholic and non-Catholic students in a diverse environment. The school also offers enrichment programs beyond the basic curriculum such as sports, spelling bees, academic Olympics, student council, children's vocal and bells choirs, band, scouting programs, and before and after school care, according to a spokesperson.

St. Mary is fully accredited and students score consistently above average nationwide on the Iowa Standardized Test.

For more information, call (734) 721-1240 or schooloffice@stmarywayne.orghttp://stmaryschoolwayne.org/.

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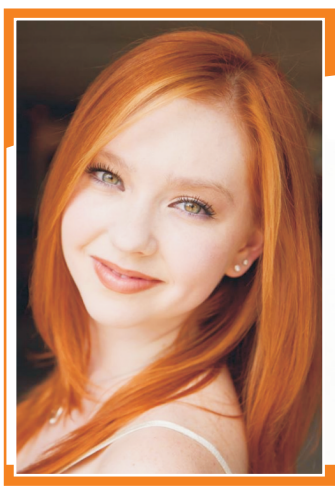

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Calendar of events

Distinguished alumni sought

Nominations are being sought for the annual Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate award.

Nominations will be accepted for the annual honor until Jan. 31. The Distinguished Graduate Award is an annual honor that recognizes Belleville High School graduates who have distinguished themselves in business or profession, or have contributed to the welfare and progress of the community.

Nominees must have graduated prior to 2006. The selected honoree, or family member in the case of the posthumous award, will be invited to attend the National Honor Society induction ceremony April 28, when the award will be presented.

Nomination forms are available on the website of the Van Buren Public Schools and at the school administration building.

Legislator hosts coffee hours

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) will host monthly coffee hours at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road in Canton Township.

Pagan has invited residents to join her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents.

Patriotic volunteers sought

Plymouth Township officials are seeking volunteers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at township hall.

Suggested qualifications include being an active duty or retired military serviceman or woman, a member of a service or Scouting organization, a retired first responder, member of a student government organization or a patriotic citizen.

Interested residents should contact Sue Brams, executive assistant to the supervisor at sbrams@plymouthtwp.org; or call (734)354-3204.

Raffle benefits children's foundation

The Garden City Rotary 200 Club Raffle to benefit the Jory Children's Foundation is now under way.

The grand prize is a two-year prepaid lease on a 2017 Ford Focus SE or $4,000; second prize is round trip airfare for two from Spirit Airlines and third prize is dinner for to aboard Old Road Murder Mystery Dinner Trains.

Complete rules can be found at www.jorykids.com. Only 200 tickets at $50 each will be sold and winners need not be present at the drawing which is planned for from 7-11 p.m. March 4 at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill in Westland.

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurch-mi.com.

Parenting classes offered

A free nine-week parenting class is planned at the Western Wayne Family Health Center in Inkster.

The classes are designed to assist parents in further developing skills to parent children from newborns to 18-year-olds.

The Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) program is offered at no cost, although participants are expected to purchase the STEP parenting book at a cost of $15.

Organizers suggested that participants bring cares, concerns and enthusiasm to the classes. Certificates are only given to those who complete the program and participants must attend all classed for completion.

The classes will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the community room at the health center, 2700 Hamlin Blvd. in Inkster.

There is no childcare available during the classes.

Funding for the program is provided by the Western Wayne Family Health Centers. To register, call the Hegira office at (734) 513-7598.

Friends and Chamber on a roll

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Romulus Library will host Bowling Night At Romulus Lanes beginning with registration at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

Bowling will begin at 8 p.m. and the $20 per person fee included three games, shoe rental, pizza and pop. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a cash bar will be available.

The event is limited to 72 bowlers and is usually a sell out.

Romulus Lanes is located at 37452 W. Huron River Dr.

For ticket information, call (734) 893-0694. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of the Library and the Chamber of Commerce.

Annual Soup Swap set

The annual Soup Swap event benefiting the Plymouth Salvation Army is planned from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 28 at Central PARC (Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth.

PARC is located in the former Central Middle School.

Participants are asked to bring a canned food item to help restock the food pantry at the Plymouth Salvation Army and enjoy a bowl of soup.

Last year, the event generated more than 400 pounds of food to be donated to the Salvation Army.

For more information, call (734) 578-1298.

Chorus rehearsals begin

The Belleville Community Chorus will begin rehearsals for the 11th season spring concerts at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. in Belleville.

All singers are invited to join the chorus and there are no auditions. Singers should arrive early at the first rehearsal for voice placement.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a non-profit organization of volunteers of all ages who love to sing. The group performs a variety of choral music.

More information is available from Pete Jones at (734) 731-0829 or email Plrmj@msn.com.

Shred Day planned

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Shred Day sponsored by Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group from noon until 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30.

Shredding will be performed by Shred Legal and the service is open to all community members.

The Chamber of Commerce office is located at 248 Main St. in Belleville.

This a free event.

Soul Food Dinner served

The Annual Romulus Soul Food Dinner will be served this year beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Romulus High School

The evening will include a special Black History Month presentation.

The long-standing event, a tradition in the community, was begun by a group of volunteers from Cory Elementary School in an effort to involve parents and build community spirit.

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff and other elected officials attend and serve southern style soul food dishes prepared by local church volunteers. The event has continued to grow in participation and popularity during the years.

For more information, call Tina Talley (313) 408-3637.

Butterfly balls return in Canton

Back by popular demand, the Butterfly Balls, a Valentine's tradition, return Feb. 10 and 11 to the Summit on the Park, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories. Dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the popular balloon drop that caps off the festivities.

Dads and their dates can choose from three dances, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 or 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Feb.11.

Semiformal or dressy-casual attire is recommended. No corsage pre-sales will be available.

Ticket sales end Feb. 1 and each participant is required to have a ticket for entry. Tickets are available at the Summit on the Park front desk for $10.50 for residents and $13.50 for non-residents.

These dances traditionally sell out, organizers said. For more information, call (734) 394-5460

Free legal advice available

A free legal presentation and assistance is planned for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 offered by the Wayne Senior Services Office, located in the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, in Wayne.

Experienced legal staff members will provide free legal assistance to seniors on most civil cases including, guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes and Medicare/Medicaid.

Seniors must sign in by 12:30 p.m. and attend the presentation in order to receive additional assistance.

Register for the presentation by Tuesday, Feb. 7 by calling (734-721-7460) or at the Senior Services office. All Wayne County residents 60 and older are eligible for the free service.

The seminar will be presented by Elder Law and Advocacy Center of Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan.

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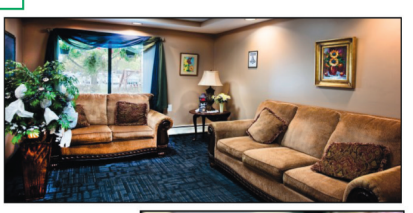

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